

#8/Amel A
9D-DW-19866 4-11-03
PATENT *ef*

Via Facsimile: (703) 872-9326

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Max Douglas Oyler, et al.

Art Unit: 36³⁷

Serial No.: 09/930,721

Examiner: Wilkens, Janet M.

Filed: August 15, 2001

For: DISHWASHER DOOR
ASSEMBLY

AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

[0030] Figure 3 is a front plan view of outer door panel 160 illustrating panel outer surface 164 extending over frame 160, and a control mounting surface 180 extending from outer surface between frame lateral sides 172, 174 in an upper region 182 of frame 162 adjacent frame top edge 168. In an exemplary embodiment, control mount surface 180 is substantially flat or planar and therefore facilitates installation of a control panel, such as panel 166 (shown in Figure 2). To facilitate wire leads and control panel connections, control mount surface 180 includes an aperture 184 extending therethrough for passing of wires (not shown) of a control panel, such as the membrane switch assembly referred to above in relation to Figure 1. In further embodiments, control mount surface 180 may include other apertures as desired to facilitate installation of other control panel schemes and associated displays, etc.

[0031] In an illustrative embodiment, and as depicted in Figure 3, control mount surface 180 is saucer-shaped between frame lateral sides 172, 174. More specifically, control mount surface 180 includes a straight side 186 extending beneath and generally parallel to frame top edge 168, an outwardly curved side 188 (concave as illustrated in Figure 3) extending opposite control mount surface straight side 186 and further extending substantially a full length between frame lateral sides 172, 174, and two angled sides 190 connecting respective ends of control mount surface straight side 186 to respective ends of